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SUBJECT: PERMANENT EMBASSY CHANCERY

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1. THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ORIGINAL OFFICE LAYOUT
PLAN FOR THE HAUS DES HANDWERKS ARE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND PROVIDED ANY COSTS
NOT ABSORBED BY THE GDR ARE REASONABLE AND CAN BE FUNDED
WITHIN THE LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE.

(A) THE GROUND FLOOR USIS LIBRARY MUST BE OF SUFFICIENT
SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE THE VOLUMES REQUIRED FOR A COMBINED
COMMERCIAL/USIS LIBRARY AND STILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE
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FOR BOTH FUNCTIONS. PLEASE REPORT THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES

AND THE LINEAL FOOTAGE OF SHELVING PLANNED FOR THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY IN ORDER THAT THIS MAY BE PROPERLY EVALUATED. THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN LAYOUTS IN THE AUDITORIUM AND USIS LIBRARY WORKROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR ARE ALSO UNDER REVIEW FOR THEIR EFFECT ON PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. ADVISE IF EXISTING WALL BETWEEN AUDITORIUM AND PROPOSED PROJECTION ROOM ON DLP PLANS IS SOLID OR AN OPEN ARCH.

(B) IN THE EVENT AN AGRICULTURE ATTACHE IS ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY IN THE FUTURE, ANY LOCAL EMPLOYEES FOR THAT OFFICE MUST BE PROVIDED OFFICE SPACE IN A NON-SENSITIVE FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

(C) THE SPACE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR IN THE WING OVER THE MARINE GUARD QUARTERS DOES NOT APPEAR DESIRABLE FOR LIVING QUARTERS AND WOULD POSE PROBLEMS OF EXPENSIVE PLUMBING. IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL THAT ALL ACCESS FROM THAT AREA TO THE REST OF THE FIFTH FLOOR BE COMPLETELY BLOCKED. THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RECONSIDERED.

2. PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO ASK THE DLA TO STOP REMODELING WORK ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS IN THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

3. IN ORDER THAT THE BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN LAYOUTS BE PROPERLY CONSIDERED, ONCE THE FINAL LAYOUTS ARE RESOLVED THE EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS THE CHANGES WITH THE DLA AND REPORT THE DETAILS OF ANY COSTS WHICH THE DLA WILL NOT ABSORB UNDER THE RENT QUOTED. MEANWHILE, MAKE NO COMMITMENTS. KISSINGER

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